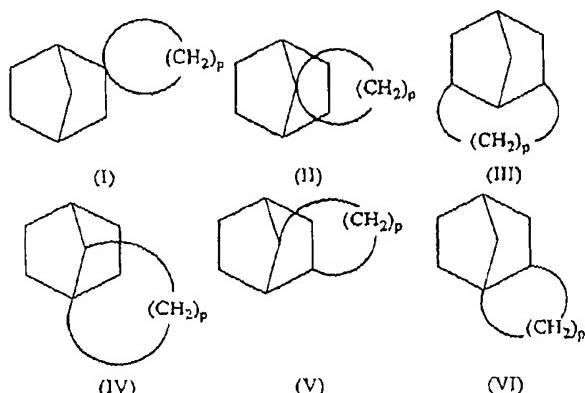


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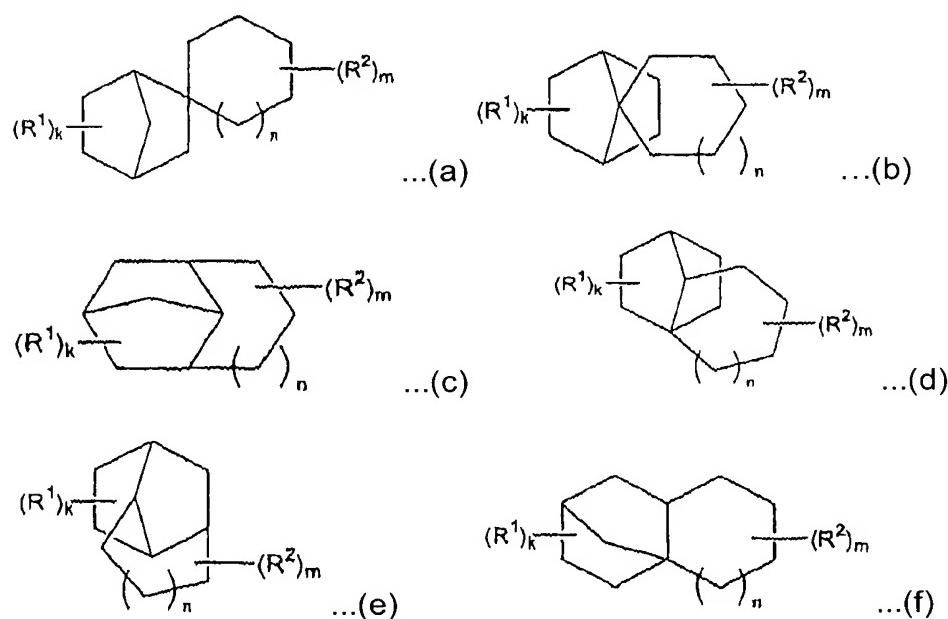
Support for new claims 21 and 22 is found at specification page 6, line 16. No new matter has been entered.

The anticipation rejection over Yoshida is traversed. Yoshida does not disclose any of the compounds listed in Claim 1 or Claim 9.

All of the compounds in Claim 1:



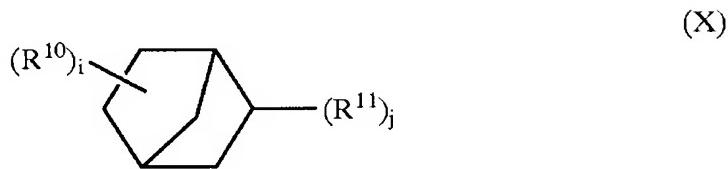
and all of the compounds in Claim 9:



are tricyclic, some having spiro rings.¹

¹ In spiro ring systems two rings share a single carbon:

Yoshida is cited for its disclosure of compound X at col. 8, line 35:

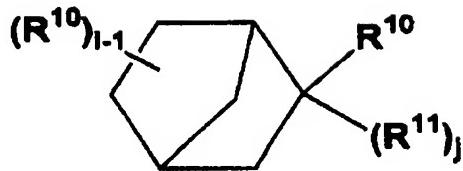


In compound (X) R¹⁰ represents a methyl group or an ethyl group, and R¹¹ represents an alkyl group having 6 to 13 carbon atoms which may have at least one of alkyl branches and a cyclopentane ring, i and j each represent an integer of 0 to 3, and i+j represents an integer of 1 to 4.

These compounds in Yoshida are only bicyclic, and none have a spiro ring.

First, the reference does not disclose or suggest that R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together can form a third ring. Nor does the reference suggest that either of R¹⁰ or R¹¹ could attach to the bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane core at more than one position to thereby form a third ring. When R¹¹ contains a cyclopentane ring the cyclopentane ring is not present as a spiro ring on the bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane core, but rather is merely a substituent in/on the alkyl group having 6 to 13 carbon atoms (“R¹¹ represents an alkyl group having 6 to 13 carbon atoms which may have at least one of alkyl branches and a cyclopentane ring”). See col. 8, lines 41-44 of Yoshida and the examples listed thereafter, none of which describe a tricyclic ring system, none having spiro rings.

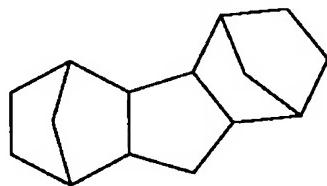
Thus, even in the case where R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are bonded to the same carbon atom on the bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane core:



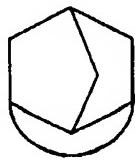
there is no disclosure or suggestion of a tricyclic ring system as presently claimed.

Accordingly, and for these reasons, the anticipation rejection over Yoshida should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

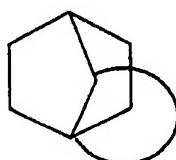
Similarly, and because Yoshida does not disclose any of the basic structures described by the compounds listed in Claims 1 and 9 herein, the rejection over Yoshida in view of Matsuno is traversed. In addition, the compound cited by the Examiner from Matsuno:



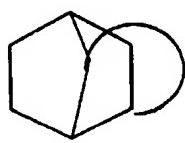
does not correspond to any of compounds (c)-(f) herein. Compounds (c)-(f) herein can be represented in simplified form as follows:



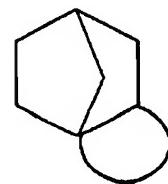
(c)



(d)

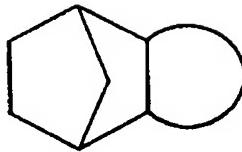


(e)



(f)

Matsuno's compound is different, and is depicted in the simplified form used above as follows:



Thus, and upon a full appreciation of what the references teach, the rejection over Yoshida in view of Matsuno should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Accordingly, and in view of the above amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and early notification of this effect is earnestly solicited.

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